

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

On the other hand, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 40,530 of February 1995 discloses a cleaning apparatus for cleaning the outer surface of a plate cylinder. The cleaning apparatus includes a cleaning fabric which is nipped between a pressure pad and the outer surface of the plate cylinder to clean the outer surface of the plate cylinder with the cleaning fabric. However, the cleaning apparatus is inadequate to clean the outer surface or printing plate of the plate cylinder involving the silicon layer and the silicon particles. The printing plate may be scratched and damaged with the silicon particles sandwiched between the cleaning fabric and the printing plate by reason that the cleaning fabric is pressed hard against the printing plate by the pressure pad.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Other Another object of the invention is to provide the pressure pad to be low in installation cost and running cost.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Other~~ Another object of the invention is to provide the pressure pad to keep the subject from being lowered in quality.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the embodiment, the base portion 8 is formed of NBR rubber having a hardness (e.g., shore hardness) of 50 to 60 degrees and a thickness of about 2.5 mm. The particular portion 6 is formed of NBR rubber having a hardness (e.g., shore hardness) of 20 to 40 degrees and a thickness of 2.0 to 4.0 mm. In addition, the particular portion 6 and the base portion 8 are formed integrally with each other by being pressed with a predetermined high pressure and under a predetermined temperature.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In addition, the base portion 8 has the hardness (e.g., shore hardness) of 50 to 60 degrees and the thickness of about 2.5 mm, as described above. These values are suitable to make the pressure pad 2 deformed by the pressurized air and keep the particular portion 6 and the cleaning fabric 4 being opposed to the outer surface of the plate cylinder 38. The particular portion 6 has the hardness (e.g., shore

hardness) of 20 to 40 degrees and the thickness of 2.0 to 4.0 mm, as also described above. These values are suitable to make the cleaning fabric 4 pressed not hard but softly against the printing plate by the particular portion 6.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In ~~either~~ another embodiment shown in FIG. 9, the cleaning fabric 4 is directed to the take up shaft 34 from the supply roll 36 through the pressure pad 2, as in the case of the cleaning apparatus of FIG. 1. The cleaning apparatus includes means 48 for moving the whole cleaning unit toward and from the outer surface of the plate cylinder.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph on page 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In ~~either~~ another embodiment shown in FIG. 12, the base portion 8 includes opposite side portions 54 to be fixed. The base portion 8 further includes a specified surface formed between the opposite side portions 54 and opposed the subject. The particular portion 6 comprises a layer extending throughout the specified surface of the base portion 8. In the embodiment, the subject comprises an impression cylinder 56 of the offset printing press.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In ~~either~~ another embodiment shown in FIG. 13, the base portion 8 is cylindrical. The particular portion 6 comprises a layer extending circumferentially of the base portion 8. The particular portion 6 has a hardness of 20 to 30 degrees. In the embodiment, the subject comprises a paper 58 to be printed. The cleaning fabric 4 is nipped between the particular portion 6 and the paper 58 to clean the surface of the paper 58 and remove lint with the cleaning fabric 4. In addition, the particular portion 6 and the base portion 8 are rotated in a direction. The cleaning fabric 4 is fed in the direction in which the particular portion 6 and the base portion 8 are rotated. The paper 58 is also fed in the direction in which the cleaning fabric 4 is fed, to wipe and clean the surface of the paper 58 by means of the difference in speed of the paper 58 and the cleaning fabric 4.